

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Town of Hanover

Warrant for **Annual** Town Meeting *With Advisory Committee Recommendations*

Plymouth, SS

Greetings: To any Constable of the Town of Hanover in said County.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs to meet in the University Sports Complex at Starland, 645 Washington Street, HANOVER, on

MONDAY THE 29th DAY OF JUNE, 2020 AT 7:30 P.M.



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ARTICLES FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Monday, June 29, 2020

ARTICLE 1. ACCEPT REPORTS IN ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Officers and Committees as printed in the Annual Town Report, or take any other action relative thereto.

Advisory Committee

We move that the Town accept the Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Report as written.

***Commentary:** This Article implements a routine housekeeping procedure to accept the Annual Town Report.*

ARTICLE 2. HEAR/ACCEPT REPORTS OF COMMITTEES & STATE OFFICIALS

To see if the Town will vote to hear reports of the Committees and State Officials and act thereon, or take any other action relative thereto.

Advisory Committee

We move that the Town accept the reports provided under Article 2.

***Commentary:** This Article implements a routine housekeeping procedure to accept reports at Town Meeting.*

ARTICLE 3. AUTHORIZE TREASURER TO ACCEPT TRUST FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Treasurer to accept such trust funds as may be placed in his or her hands during the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2019, or take any other action relative thereto.

Director of Finance

We move that the Town vote to authorize the Treasurer/Collector to accept trust funds for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021.

***Commentary:** This Article implements a routine housekeeping procedure allowing the Treasurer/Collector to accept trust funds that are donated to the Town during the fiscal year.*

ARTICLE 4. ASSUME LIABILITY TO ALLOW STATE DEP WORK

To see if the Town will vote to assume liability in the manner provided by Section 29 and 29A of Chapter 91 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as most recently amended, for all damages that may be incurred by work to be performed by the Department of Environmental Protection, or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We move that the Town vote to accept this Article as printed in the Warrant.

Commentary: *Each year, the Town is required by the State to assume responsibility for liability and damages which may be incurred by the State while improving, developing, maintaining and protecting tidal and non-tidal rivers. Approval of this Article would acknowledge and accept this responsibility.*

ARTICLE 5. SET PAY FOR ELECTED OFFICIAL – TOWN MODERATOR

To see if the Town will vote to fix the pay of its elective officer as required by law as follows, or take any other action relative thereto.

Moderator: \$100 for Annual Town Meeting
 \$100 for Special Town Meeting

Advisory Committee

We move that the Town set the pay of the Moderator for Fiscal Year 2021 to be \$100 for Annual Town Meeting and \$100 for Special Town Meeting.

Commentary: *This Article’s passage is required annually to pay the Town Moderator.*

ARTICLE 6. SET PAY FOR ELECTED OFFICIAL – TOWN CLERK

To see if the Town will vote to fix the pay of its elective officer as required by law as follows, or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Clerk: \$73,880 annually

Advisory Committee

We move that the Town set the pay of the Town Clerk for Fiscal Year 2021, including any amounts due under MGL Chapter 41 Section 19G, to be \$73,880.

Commentary: *This Article’s passage is required annually to pay the Town Clerk.*

ARTICLE 7. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION HOME RULE ACT

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact the following Home Rule Act, provided the General Court may make clerical and editorial changes of form to this Act that do not change the purpose thereof:

“Section 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 the Community Preservation Act surcharge effective in the Town of

Hanover in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws shall be revised from 3% to the greater amount of either 1.2% or the minimal amount determined by the Board of Selectmen necessary to cover all existing obligations, including though not limited to debt obligations and the amount appropriated for administrative expenses in Fiscal Year 2020. The surcharge rate shall return to 3% on July 1, 2022 unless the Town takes action in accordance with Chapter 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws to either further amend the surcharge amount or rescind its acceptance of said Chapter 44B.

Section 2. If this Act is enacted after July 1, 2020 then the Town is authorized to refund any Community Preservation Act surcharge amount that is greater than the surcharge rate established in Section 1 of this Act and collected after July 1, 2020 and collected prior to the effective date of this Act.

Section 3. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.”

or take any other action related thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We move that the Town vote to accept this Article as printed in the Warrant.

***Advisory Committee Commentary:** In consideration of the significant hardship that many Hanover residents are enduring as a result of COVID-19 and the resulting impact on the overall economy, the Advisory Committee supports the temporary relief afforded by the proposed Home Rule Act petition.*

Board of Selectmen Commentary:

Summary:

Property taxpayers in Town pay an additional surcharge equal to 3% of their property taxes into the Town’s Community Preservation Act Fund. This surcharge does not apply to the first \$100,000 in value for residential real estate property. If Town Meeting approves this Article, the Town will pursue special legislation to reduce the surcharge in FY21 and FY22 to 1.2%, and have it return automatically to the current 3% in FY23. The Town is required to maintain a surcharge of at least 1.2% to cover ongoing debt obligations.

The Town, as with most municipalities in Massachusetts, is facing a budget crisis in FY21 and will need to prioritize spending. The Town expects a more difficult budget situation in FY22. Many residents are facing personal financial difficulties with similar needs to prioritize spending. Reducing the CPA surcharge to 1.2% in FY21 and FY22 will provide residents with financial relief.

History:

The Massachusetts Community Preservation Act (“CPA”) was enacted in 2000 as Chapter 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws. The CPA allows Cities or Towns that have accepted the legislation to implement a surcharge of up to 3% of the total real estate tax levy against real property and receive matching funds of varying levels from the Massachusetts Community Preservation Trust Fund (“Trust”). The Trust is funded primarily through recording fees during transactions at the Registry of Deeds. The surcharge is paid by property taxpayers along with

their property tax bills. The Town maintains surcharge receipts and matching funds from the Trust in the Town's Community Preservation Fund. The Community Preservation Committee ("CPC") studies and makes recommendations to Town Meeting for how to use CPA funds. At least 10% of CPA funds in each fiscal year must be spent, or set aside for later spending, towards open space, historic resources, and community housing for a total minimum of 30% of CPA funds. Town Meeting may appropriate up to 5% of CPA funds in each fiscal year towards administrative and operating expenses.

The Town chose not to adopt the CPA in fiscal years 2001 through 2004. Town Meeting formed a CPA study committee through Article 2 at Special Town Meeting on October 19, 2004. The Town accepted CPA under Ballot Question #1 at the election on November 2, 2004 by a margin of 3,638 votes yes and 3,151 votes no. The Question stated: "Shall the Town of Hanover accept sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, as proposed by a petition signed by at least five percent (5%) of the registered voters of the Town of Hanover?" Town Meeting formed the CPC through Article 46 at Annual Town Meeting on May 3, 2005. Town Meeting rejected permanently reducing the CPA surcharge from 3% to 2% through Article 22 at Annual Town Meeting on May 1, 2017.

Accounting:

The current balance of the Town's Community Preservation Fund is \$2,410,949, including \$462,128 reserved for Historic Resources, \$564,245 reserved for Community Housing, and \$564,021 reserved for Open Space.

The Town has received matching funds from the Trust at the following percentages:

<i>FY07: 100.00%</i>	<i>FY10: 43.01%</i>	<i>FY14: 63.60%</i>	<i>FY18: 20.80%</i>
<i>FY08: 100.00%</i>	<i>FY11: 33.13%</i>	<i>FY15: 38.34%</i>	<i>FY19: 24.02%</i>
<i>FY09: 78.02%</i>	<i>FY12: 32.66%</i>	<i>FY16: 35.90%</i>	<i>FY20: 29.84%</i>
	<i>FY13: 32.65%</i>	<i>FY17: 24.15%</i>	

The CPA surcharge for the averagely-valued single family home in Town has been:

<i>FY07: \$121.79</i>	<i>FY10: \$132.17</i>	<i>FY14: \$152.54</i>	<i>FY18: \$191.23</i>
<i>FY08: \$123.33</i>	<i>FY11: \$134.49</i>	<i>FY15: \$162.69</i>	<i>FY19: \$201.75</i>
<i>FY09: \$122.74</i>	<i>FY12: \$142.66</i>	<i>FY16: \$176.85</i>	<i>FY20: \$213.01</i>
	<i>FY13: \$150.64</i>	<i>FY17: \$184.89</i>	

If the CPA surcharge remains at 3%, the surcharge for the averagely-valued single family home in Town for FY21 would be approximately \$219.00.

If the CPA surcharge is temporarily reduced to 1.2%, the surcharge for the averagely-valued single family home in Town for FY21 would be approximately \$88.00.

ARTICLE 8. GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$64,232,922 for a General Fund Operating Budget, to provide for a reserve fund, and to defray the expenses of the Town, and to meet said appropriation transfer the sum of \$750,000 from Certified Free Cash, transfer the sum of \$65,000 from the Cemetery Graves & Foundations account, transfer the sum of \$10,000 from the Sale of Cemetery Lots account, transfer the sum of \$22,029 from the Title V Receipts Reserved account,

transfer the sum of \$100,000 from the Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund, transfer the sum of \$1,200,000 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved account, and raise \$62,085,893 from the Fiscal Year 2021 Tax Levy and other sources, or take any other action relative thereto.

	<i>FY2020 Appropriated</i>	<i>FY2021 Town Manager Proposed (February)</i>	<i>FY2021 Town Manager Proposed (April)</i>	<i>Advisory Committee Recommended</i>
General Government:				
Salaries	\$294,885	\$312,000	\$308,606	\$298,606
Expenses	\$215,900	\$220,900	\$220,900	\$180,900
Finance Department:				
Salaries	\$897,976	\$911,777	\$901,858	\$896,924
Expenses	\$204,362	\$214,294	\$214,294	\$214,294
Community Development and Municipal Inspections:				
Salaries	\$686,781	\$625,262	\$552,460	\$549,077
Expenses	\$43,400	\$29,850	\$29,850	\$29,850
Community Services:				
Salaries	\$423,536	\$374,563	\$305,488	\$303,461
Expenses	\$179,910	\$202,080	\$202,080	\$202,080
Library:				
Salaries	\$440,643	\$444,434	\$383,599	\$374,196
Expenses	\$165,800	\$167,800	\$167,800	\$167,800
Police:				
Salaries	\$3,968,190	\$4,186,451	\$4,140,908	\$4,130,908
Expenses	\$264,869	\$306,893	\$300,158	\$286,158
Fire:				
Salaries	\$3,083,741	\$3,346,003	\$3,309,603	\$3,299,603
Expenses	\$276,686	\$327,650	\$327,650	\$315,650
Hanover Public Schools	\$29,218,627	\$30,445,776	\$30,045,776	\$29,816,940
South Shore Vocational High School	\$750,000	\$786,228	\$728,050	\$728,050
Public Works:				
Salaries	\$3,441,471	\$3,588,033	\$3,549,000	\$3,452,212
Expenses	\$3,013,896	\$3,136,956	\$3,136,956	\$3,124,491
Snow & Ice	\$550,000	\$550,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Debt	\$6,199,544	\$5,817,057	\$5,817,057	\$5,817,057
Town Wide Expenses	\$8,492,259	\$8,965,828	\$8,965,828	\$8,965,828
Transfers	\$227,700	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000

TOTAL GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET	\$63,040,176	\$65,084,835	\$64,232,922	\$63,779,085
Certified Free Cash	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$1,548,000
Cemetery Graves & Foundations	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000
Sale of Cemetery Lots	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Title V Receipts Reserved Account	\$22,029	\$22,029	\$22,029	\$22,029
Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	
Ambulance Receipts Reserved Account	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
<i>Less Total Transfers</i>	<i>\$2,047,029</i>	<i>\$2,047,029</i>	<i>\$2,147,029</i>	<i>\$2,845,029</i>
To be raised by the Fiscal Year 2021 Tax Levy and other sources	\$60,993,147	\$63,037,806	\$62,085,893	\$60,934,056

Town Manager
Director of Finance

We move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$63,779,085 for a total General Fund Operating Budget as set forth in the Advisory Committee Recommended column above, to provide for a reserve fund and to defray the expenses of the Town, and for the purposes listed in the budget document, and to meet said appropriation transfer the sum of \$1,548,000 from Certified Free Cash, transfer the sum of \$65,000 from the Cemetery Graves & Foundations account, transfer the sum of \$10,000 from the Sale of Cemetery Lots account, transfer the sum of \$22,029 from the Title V Betterment Program, transfer the sum of \$1,200,000 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved account and raise \$60,934,056 from the 2021 Tax Levy and other sources.

Advisory Committee Commentary: The development of the Town's Fiscal Year 2021 Budget has been a collaborative process over the last several months with many stakeholders, including the Board of Selectmen, School Committee, and Town and School administration. Due to the economic crisis brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, several iterations of the budget have been considered as our understanding of the fiscal situation has evolved. The budget recommended for passage by the Advisory Committee, and endorsed by the Board of Selectmen, the School Committee and the Town and School administration, reflects the following:

- The lowest projected year-over-year percent real estate tax increase for the averagely-valued home in Hanover in the last 12 years. Real estate tax relief, particularly during this time of economic uncertainty, was a goal shared by all stakeholders during the budget development process. There was a desire to limit real estate tax increases, especially for senior citizens on fixed incomes. While many surrounding communities are proposing the maximum tax increases allowable under Proposition 2½, Hanover will be significantly below this mark.*

- *The recommended budget maintains, with a reasonable level of confidence, the current services provided to residents. Various factors, including guidance from federal and state agencies and the department of education will shape the operational needs required to respond to the ongoing public health crisis. Those factors will determine exactly how the recommended budget reductions are implemented.*
- *With enormous uncertainty surrounding the impact of the recession on state aid and local revenues, the recommended budget reflects a 10% reduction in Chapter 70 state aid to support our schools, a 20% reduction in unrestricted state aid to support general government, and a 10.7% reduction in projected motor vehicle excise tax receipts.*
- *The recommended budget combines \$1.3 million in expenditure reductions from the originally-proposed Fiscal Year 2021 budget with the utilization of \$1.5 million in Free Cash to produce a balanced spending proposal. Free Cash serves as one of the Town's primary savings accounts. Consistent with Department of Revenue guidance, the Town's goal is to maintain Free Cash at 3% to 5% of the overall Operating Budget. The Town's current Free Cash position is \$4.3 million (6.7% of the recommended Fiscal Year 2021 Budget), exceeding this goal. This represents the highest level of Free Cash the Town has had since at least Fiscal Year 2003. Under the recommended budget, 36% of the Town's Free Cash balance would be used towards the Operating Budget, the highest amount proportionally since the last economic downturn, when an average of 68% of Free Cash was used to balance the 2010 through 2013 Fiscal Year budgets. Nevertheless, even after its use in the Operating Budget and for other items at Town Meeting, the 3%-5% reserve goal would continue to be met, with \$2.5 million in Free Cash remaining (3.9% of the recommended Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget).*

We believe that the recommended Fiscal Year 2021 budget represents a fiscally prudent approach to an unprecedented situation that is full of uncertainty. It is the result of lengthy consideration and analysis. Perhaps most importantly, the recommended budget is the result of collaboration, thoughtful debate, listening and a consistent focus on the best interests of the Town.

The collaborative spirit that grew during the development of the Fiscal Year 2021 budget will serve us well as we confront the future. At this time, we simply don't know the depths of this recession or when our many questions about the impact of COVID-19 will be answered. As the "new normal" evolves, the Town will need to be in a position to react and adjust. We are fortunate to have many talented and dedicated employees, including but not limited to the Town Manager, Finance Director, School Superintendent and School Administration, and Town department leaders who are committed to evolving to improve the delivery of their critical services for the entire community.

From a budgetary perspective, we know that Fiscal Year 2022 will present another round of challenges. The Town Manager had previously identified significant budget challenges for Fiscal Year 2022 that will be exacerbated by our new COVID-19 reality. We anticipate higher fixed costs in the years to come, particularly with respect to pension and healthcare. In addition, long before COVID-19, the Town Manager identified a \$1 million revenue shortfall for Fiscal Year 2022 that is a result of the fire department's SAFER Grant expiring and the funding for an old school building project expiring prior to the debt service. The combination of previously

identified challenges, the unprecedented uncertainty regarding the general economy, the Town's increased reliance on Free Cash to help balance the budget in Fiscal Year 2021, and the deferral of various capital expenditures in Fiscal Year 2021 in an effort of preserve Free Cash will present a challenge that we must be prepared to confront together. In the months ahead we urge our elected leaders to engage in candid discussions with our residents about what we can expect from residents, business and the Commonwealth in the near term. We need to have open dialog about our community's "wants" and actual "needs" to determine how to best utilize our finite budget resources. This will mean asking and answering tough questions. These debates need to be based on honest, accurate estimations of consequences of considered options. We must consider the aspirations of the entire community. We have seen the Town of Hanover come together to confront challenges and we are confident that with a spirit of perseverance and collaboration we can confront the challenges ahead.

Board of Selectmen Commentary: *The Board of Selectmen's budget development process is rigorous. At the first Selectmen's meeting of the New Year the Town Manager provided the Selectmen, during an open, public meeting, an initial budget presentation which highlighted the major budget challenges ahead, sought input on potentially contentious items, and focused attention on the important decision points ("budget levers") for policy maker feedback.*

Throughout the month of January the Board of Selectmen engaged in an iterative process to guide the Town Manager and Finance Director in delivering a budget proposal for inclusion in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Some of the key policy directives signaled by the Selectmen prior to the submission of the Fiscal Year 2021 (Version 1) Budget were (i) keep the property tax increase for the average Hanover home less than the average increase dating back to 2010 (ii) reduce the total number of positions (iii) continue all current services (iv) regarding transfer station operations: eliminate the disposal of construction and demolition debris (C&D), enhance security, increase per-item disposal fees, and preserve free entry stickers for residents. All of these objectives were accomplished; in early February it felt like this was going to be an easy budget year.

By the end of March the world changed due to the COVID-19 crisis. Determined to be proactive, the Town Manager and Finance Director, diagnosing the rapidly worsening economic environment, initiated a process to amend the Fiscal Year 2021 budget. The Town Manager and Finance Director, in mid-April, delivered the FY2021 Version 2 Budget with the following policy objectives set forth by the Board of Selectmen (i) keep the property tax bill for the average home in Hanover flat (ii) retain current (town-side) employees (iii) maintain reliance on the \$750,000 of Free Cash used in Version 1 of the operating budget.

Although total expenditures were reduced by \$850,000 from the Version 1 Budget, fully achieving all three objectives proved to be unmanageable. The Board of Selectmen included the Version 2 Budget proposal on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, accomplishing goals (ii) & (iii) but requiring a property tax bill increase to the average home in Hanover of $\approx 1.95\%$, down from 3.84% anticipated increase projected as part of the Version 1 Budget.

Acknowledging the situation and the underlying assumptions baked into the Fiscal Year 2021 Version 2 Budget were fluid, the Board of Selectmen actively followed the Advisory Committee's deliberations, monitored economic trends, and actively listened to the priorities and values voiced by constituents. As forecasts of the state's weakening financial situation became more

evident subsequent to the Selectmen finalizing the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, the Advisory Committee's recommended budget which reduces anticipated Chapter 70 Education Aid by 10% and general government aid by 20% (resulting in ≈\$1,150,000 lost revenue), off-set by an appropriate blend of recommended reductions to expenditures and increased Free Cash utilization is a responsible budgeting approach based upon a realistic view of the coming year.

This Board of Selectmen believes our community is best served by a united response to this unprecedented crisis. We join the School Committee and our administration in support of the Advisory Committee's recommended budget.

ARTICLE 9. WATER ENTERPRISE BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$3,853,743 from Water Enterprise receipts to defray Water Enterprise direct costs and that \$463,395 as appropriated in the General Fund Operating Budget be used for Water indirect costs, all to fund the total cost of operations of the Water Enterprise as follows, or take any other action relative thereto.

Personal Services	\$ 1,788,858
Other Expenses	\$ 1,460,135
Debt Service	\$ 604,750
Appropriate for Direct Costs	\$ 3,853,743
Indirect Costs - Reimburse General Fund for Shared Expenses	\$ 463,395
Total Cost - Water Enterprise	\$ 4,317,138

Town Manager
Director of Public Works
Director of Finance

We move that the Town vote to appropriate \$4,317,138 from Water Enterprise receipts and \$200,000 from Certified Retained Earnings to defray Water Enterprise direct costs and that the \$463,395 as appropriated in the General Fund Operating Budget be used for Water indirect costs, all to fund the total costs of operations of the Water Enterprise. Each item is to be expended by the Town Manager in accordance with Chapter 67 of the Acts of 2009, the Town Manager Act, for the purposes identified and those purposes only, and each item is to be considered a separate appropriation for that purpose only.

***Commentary:** The Advisory Committee recommends a total Water Enterprise Budget of \$3,853,743 for direct expenses. The indirect costs act as a reimbursement to the General Fund for the expenses related to the Water Enterprise but paid out of the General Fund. Some examples of these expenses are the town share of health insurance and retirement costs for Water Department employees.*

ARTICLE 10. RESCIND COMPLETED CAPITAL PROJECTS

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the following projects completed under budget or no longer needed, as stated below, and return the funds to the Undesignated Fund Balance or take any other action relative thereto.

Project Description	Original Appropriation	Remaining Balance to Return to Undesignated Fund Balance
Sylvester Re-Use Study	\$15,000.00	\$14,226.24
Classification & Compensation Study	\$25,000.00	\$3,125.00
Radio Infrastructure	\$115,000.00	\$5,514.77
Assessing Software	\$45,700.00	\$4,167.00
Purchase Voting Machines	\$32,000.00	\$17.60
Phase II Master Plan	\$30,000.00	\$13,642.00
Stetson House Electrical Upgrade	\$10,000.00	\$5,678.70
HS Auditorium Storage	\$27,000.00	\$1,465.97
Town Hall HVAC Units	\$68,000.00	\$58,210.00
Purchase Streetlight/Convert LED	\$190,000.00	\$88,294.42
Kitchen Equipment MS & Cedar	\$64,000.00	\$871.00
Town Hall Security System	\$35,000.00	\$738.69
Fire HQ HVAC	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
School VOIP Phones	\$42,000.00	\$766.81
Renovate CD Bathrooms	\$70,000.00	\$20,491.19
Wastewater Study	\$150,000.00	\$29,103.94
Purchase/Equip/Install Gas Pumps	\$60,000.00	\$14,863.10
2.5 Ton Vibratory Roller Purchase/Equip	\$40,000.00	\$4,956.77
Towed Air Compressor	\$25,000.00	\$4,445.10
DPW Large Dump Truck	\$190,000.00	\$4,960.78
Purchase/Equip 4X4 Pickup Truck	\$42,000.00	\$518.60
DPW One Ton 4x4 Dump Truck	\$63,000.00	\$2,557.05
Stetson House Fund	\$1,000.00	\$882.83
MTBE Testing & Cleanup	\$505,437.00	\$10,441.36

Finance Director

We move that the Town vote to accept this Article as printed in the Warrant.

***Commentary:** This Article would rescind a total of \$299,938 in unspent funds from previously-approved capital projects. If approved by Town Meeting in Article 11, the amount of these funds would be appropriated to the Reserve Fund for emergency or unforeseen expenses.*

ARTICLE 11. ADDITIONAL RESERVE FUND APPROPRIATION

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an additional \$299,938, or another sum, to the Reserve Fund established under Article 8, or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Director
Town Manager

We move that the Town vote to appropriate to the Fiscal Year 2021 Reserve Fund account from Certified Free Cash the sum of \$299,938.00.

***Commentary:** This Article would appropriate the amount rescinded from previous capital projects in Article 10 to the Reserve Fund.*

ARTICLE 12. PEG ACCESS & CABLE RELATED FUND

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$475,000 to the PEG Access & Cable Related Fund for the purpose of monitoring compliance of the Town’s cable operator with the franchise agreement, preparing for renewal of the franchise license, and providing local cable access services and programming for the Town of Hanover in Fiscal Year 2021, or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Manager
Director of Finance

We move that the Town vote to appropriate \$475,000 from the PEG Access & Cable Receipts Reserved fund for the purposes as set forth in this article.

***Commentary:** This Article would appropriate to the PEG Access & Cable Related Fund the amount used to pay all of the cable access activities including staffing, equipment purchase, and funding educational classes in partnership with Hanover High School. The Town recently finalized two new contracts with Comcast and Verizon that will increase the revenue received for PEG, allowing the Town to provide enhanced programming and better infrastructure to support the service.*

ARTICLE 13. ACCEPT CHAPTER 90 ROAD GRANT MONIES

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager to accept such sums of money as may be distributed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Chapter 90 highway grant program, so-called, funds to be expended by the Town Manager in accordance with the guidelines and requirements of the Massachusetts Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen
Town Manager

We move that the Town vote to accept this Article as printed in the Warrant.

***Commentary:** This Article authorizes the Town Manager to accept Chapter 90 funds as allocated by the State Legislature for highway improvements in the Town.*

ARTICLE 14. SET LIMITS ON REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to set limits on the Revolving Funds set forth in Section 6-31 of the Town of Hanover General By-Laws in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, §53E1/2 as follows, or take any other action relative thereto:

Revolving Fund	Limit on Spending
Library	\$15,000
Recreation Fund	\$280,000
GATRA	\$125,000
Forge Pond Park	\$20,000
Council on Aging	\$10,000
Public Health Clinic	\$70,000
Public Safety Vehicles	\$250,000

Town Manager
Director of Finance

We move that the Town vote to accept this Article as printed in the Warrant.

***Commentary:** This Article establishes limits on spending from various revolving funds. The Advisory Committee supports the recommendation of the Town Manager as to the specific spending limit amounts. The only spending limit that would be different from that allowed in Fiscal Year 2020 is a \$50,000 increase to the Public Health Clinic Revolving Fund, in response to the hoped-for distribution of a possible COVID-19 vaccine, a \$30,000 increase to the Recreation Revolving Fund, which will supplement the salary of the Community Services Director, who must spend time administering this program, and a \$15,000 increase to the GATRA Revolving Fund.*

ARTICLE 15. AMEND GENERAL BY-LAWS – CREATE COUNCIL ON AGING DEPARTMENTAL REVOLVING FUND AND AMEND FLU CLINIC DEPARTMENTAL REVOLVING FUND

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Hanover General By-Laws by amending Section 6-31 to authorize revolving funds for use by certain Town departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, or take any other action relative thereto.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Revolving Fund	Spending Authority	Fees, Charges or Other Receipts Credited to Fund	Program or Activity Expenses Payable from Fund	Restrictions or Conditions on Expenses	Requirements/ Reports	Fiscal Year
LIBRARY	Library Director	Late Fines	Expenditures may include salaries, benefits, facility and all those in support of programs	Any expenditure over \$5,000 requires additional approval of Library Trustees	Annual financial statement of this fund shall be included in the Town Report	Fiscal years that begin on or after July 1, 2019.
RECREATION FUND	Community Services Director	Program Fees	Expenditures may include salaries, benefits, facility and all those in support of programs	Any expenditure over \$10,000 requires additional approval of Park & Recreation Board	Annual financial statement of this fund shall be included in the Town Report	Fiscal years that begin on or after July 1, 2018.
GATRA	Community Services Director	Fees related to transportation programs	Expenditures may include salaries, benefits, facility and all those in support of programs	Any expenditure over \$5,000 requires additional approval of Council of Aging Board	Annual financial statement of this fund shall be included in the Town Report	Fiscal years that begin on or after July 1, 2018.
FORGE POND PARK	Community Services Director	Fees related to programs	Expenditures may include salaries, benefits, facility and all those in support of programs	Any expenditure of \$5,000 requires additional approval of Park & Recreation Board	Annual financial statement of this fund shall be included in the Town Report	Fiscal years that begin on or after July 1, 2018.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Revolving Fund	Spending Authority	Fees, Charges or Other Receipts Credited to Fund	Program or Activity Expenses Payable from Fund	Restrictions or Conditions on Expenses	Requirements/ Reports	Fiscal Year
COUNCIL ON AGING	Community Services Director	Fees related to programs	Expenditures may include salaries, benefits, facility and all those in support of programs	Any expenditure of more than \$5,000 requires additional approval of the Council on Aging	Annual financial statement of this fund shall be included in the Town Report	Fiscal years that begin on or after July 1, 2020.
PUBLIC HEALTH CLINIC	Director of Community Development & Municipal Inspections	Receipts from insurance, Medicare, and Medicaid billing	Expenditures may include salaries, benefits, facility and all those in support of programs	Any expenditure over \$5,000 requires additional approval of Board of Health	Annual financial statement of this fund shall be included in the Town Report	Fiscal years that begin on or after July 1, 2019.
PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLES	Police Chief	Proceeds from Sale of Public Safety Vehicles	Furnishings, equipment, and training relating to Public Safety Vehicles.	Any expenditure over \$10,000 requires additional approval of the Town Manager	Annual financial statement of this fund shall be included in the Town Report	Fiscal years that begin on or after July 1, 2018.

Town Manager
Director of Finance

We move that the Town vote to accept this Article as printed in the Warrant.

Commentary: This Article would establish a Council on Aging Revolving Fund, in order to facilitate the collection of monies paid by residents for services. It would also change the Flu Clinic Revolving Fund to a Public Health Clinic Revolving Fund, to allow the use of this fund to pay for the distribution of a hoped-for vaccine for the COVID-19 pandemic. Revolving funds are used by the Town to pay for services with funds from fees charged to provide that service.

ARTICLE 16. MODIFY TRANSFER STATION FEE SCHEDULE

To see if the Town will vote to modify the Transfer Station fee schedule to the following; or take any other action relative thereto.

Item	Fee
Normal Residential/Household Refuse	Under 500 lbs. per week: no charge; over 500 lbs. per week: \$120.00/Ton
Weighing Charge	\$20.00
Upholstered Chairs	\$20.00 each
Upholstered Sofas	\$30.00 each
Sectional Sofas	\$20.00 per section
Mattresses/Boxsprings	\$30.00 each
Tires	Truck: \$20.00 each, Auto on rim: \$5.00 each, Auto off rim: \$5.00 Each
Stoves, Washers, Dryers, Water Heaters, Dishwashers, Trash Compactors	\$20.00 each
Refrigerators, Freezers, Air Conditioners, Dehumidifiers, Water Coolers	\$20.00 each
Microwave Ovens	\$15.00 each
Televisions/CRTs	\$.30 per lb.
Fluorescent Fixtures/Bulbs	\$2.00 each
Vehicle Batteries	\$2.00 each
Propane Tanks	\$1.00-\$20.00 each
Water Heater, Furnace, Tanks (Assorted)	See Foreman
Fire Extinguishers	\$10 each
Wooden Furniture	\$15.00 each
Sleep Sofa	\$60.00 each
Assorted Electronics	\$.45 per lb.

Director of Public Works
Town Manager

We move that the Town vote to accept this Article as printed in the Warrant.

Commentary: This article would implement higher fees to reflect the actual cost of disposal of

various items at the Transfer Station. The parts of the old fee schedule that would be changing, and the new proposed fees, are as follows:

Item	Old Fee	New Proposed Fee
Weighing Charge	\$5.00	\$20.00
Upholstered Chairs	\$10.00 Each	\$20.00 Each
Upholstered Sofas	\$15.00 Each	\$30.00 Each
Sectional Sofas	\$10.00 Per Section	\$20.00 Per Section
Mattresses/Boxsprings	\$15.00 Each	\$30.00 Each
Tires	Truck: \$20.00 Each, Auto on Rim: \$3.00 Each, Auto off Rim: \$2.00 Each	Truck: \$20.00 Each, Auto on Rim: \$5.00 Each, Auto off Rim: \$5.00 Each
Stoves, Washers, Dryers, Water Heaters, Dishwashers, Trash Compactors	\$10.00 Each	\$20.00 Each
Refrigerators, Freezers, Air Conditioners, Dehumidifiers, Water Coolers	\$15.00 Each	\$20.00 Each
Microwave Ovens	\$10.00 Each	\$15.00 Each
Televisions/CRTs	1" - 30" Screen (Measured Diagonally): \$10.00 Each 31" - 60" Screen (Measured Diagonally): \$20.00 Each > 60" Screen (Measured Diagonally): \$30.00 Each	\$.30 per lb.
Vehicle Batteries	\$1.00 Each	\$2.00 Each
Fire Extinguishers	\$5 Each	\$10 Each
Wooden Furniture		\$15.00 Each
Sleep Sofa		\$60.00 Each
Assorted Electronics		\$.45 per lb.

ARTICLE 17. MODIFY WATER FEE SCHEDULE

To see if the Town will vote to modify the Transfer Station fee schedule to the following; or take any other action relative thereto.

Fee Type	Charge
Water Lien Charge	\$25.00 + 16% interest
Violation Regulations	\$25.00

Service Restoration Charge	\$25.00
Meter Seal	\$5.00 for any seal found broken
Temporary Hydrant Meters	5/8": \$70.00 per day plus water usage charge 2" or large: \$150.00 per day plus water usage charge
Backflow Inspection Test	\$100.00 each for the first three (3) devices tested \$40.00 each for each additional test
Hydrant Flow Test	\$300.00 (10pm test schedule/4pm minimum call back)
New Water Service	\$2,740 residential (service connection, meter and radio unit) \$5,000 (service connection, meter (price varies dependent on size of meter))
Water Meter Replacement	Cost of materials plus labor for town

Director of Public Works
Town Manager

We move that the Town vote to accept this Article as printed in the Warrant.

***Commentary:** This article asks the Town to ratify higher water hook-up and other fees. It does not affect the rates charged for the delivery of water by the Town to homes and businesses. The fees for new water service bring the Town's fee levels more in line with surrounding communities. The rates were last raised in 2015. These changes, in conjunction with the new water usage and meter charges increased by the Board of Selectmen in December 2019, are needed to meet the necessary costs of the Water Division to supply water to the community.*

ARTICLE 18. AMEND ZONING BYLAW 6.710

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw for the Town in the manner described below, or take any other action relative thereto:

Amend the Hanover Zoning Bylaw, Section 6.710 (according to FEMA), by replacing the existing language with the following:

~~25023C0094J, 25923C0111J; 25023C0113J, 25023C0114J, 25023C0118J,
25023C0182J, 25023C0184J, 25023C0201J, 25023C0202J. 25023C0203J,
25023C0206J dated July 17, 2012.~~

To be inserted as Section 6.710.

25023C0094K , 25923C0111K, 25023C0113K, 25023C0114K, 25023C0118K,
25023C0182K, 25023C0184K, 25023C0201K, 25023C0202K, 25023C0203K,
25023C0206K Dated July 22, 2020

Town Planner

Motion to be made by the Planning Board.

Commentary: The Advisory Committee supports the recommendation of the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 19. AMEND ZONING BYLAW 6.11.00 MORATORIUM

To see if the Town will vote to amend, in part, the Town of Hanover Zoning Bylaws, Section 6.11.50 by adding the letter “M.” in the manner described below. The temporary moratorium will be lifted at the 2021 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto:

- M. Place a temporary suspension on all applications utilizing the Village Planned Unit Development for one year to be lifted at the 2021 Annual Town Meeting.

Planning Board

Motion to be made by the Planning Board.

Commentary: The Advisory Committee supports the recommendation of the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 20. AMEND GENERAL BYLAW 4-10 – COUNCIL ON AGING

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws, Section 4-10 Council on Aging, of the Town in the manner described below, or take any other action relative there to.

Section 1.

~~There is hereby established in the Town of Hanover, pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8B, a Council on Aging to consist of not more than seven (7) members. The members shall be appointed annually in the month of June by the Selectmen and shall serve from the first day of July until the Thirtieth day of June following, and for such further time as may be required until their successors are chosen. The council shall have all the powers and duties granted by law, and particularly the power to coordinate or carry out programs designed to meet the problems of the aging.~~

Section 1.

There is hereby established in the Town of Hanover, pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8B, a Council on Aging to consist of not more than seven (7) members. Members shall be appointed annually in the month of June by the Selectmen. Vacancies shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen, after providing the Council on Aging the opportunity to vet applicants, and shall serve from the first day of July until the thirtieth day of June following, and for such further time as may be required until their successors are chosen. The council shall have all the powers and duties granted by law, and particularly the power to coordinate or carry out programs designed to meet the problems of the aging.

Section 2.

The Council shall develop and oversee COA programs, activities, goals, and objectives and long-range planning for the COA facilities, programs, and activities. On an annual basis, the Council will provide a report of its actions in the Town Report.

Section 3.

The personnel practices of the COA shall come under the Personnel Bylaws of the Town. The COA Director shall be appointed by the Town Manager, who will consult with the COA prior to making an appointment, or as otherwise provided for in accordance with “An act establishing a Town Manager Form of Government”.

Council on Aging Board
Town Manager

Motion to be made by the Board of Selectmen.

Commentary: *The Advisory Committee supports the main motion of the Board of Selectmen.*

ARTICLE 21. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – WATER MAIN REPAIR

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds and/or borrow in accordance with Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws the sum of \$150,000, or another sum, to design and repair the water main on Pleasant Street at West Hanover Square at the direction of the Town Manager, or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Manager
DPW Director

We move that the sum of \$150,000 be appropriated to design and repair the water main under West Hanover Square, said work to be done and funds to be expended at the direction of the Town Manager and director of Public Works, who are authorized to apply for an accept any Federal or State assistance that may be available for the project, and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44 of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, and each prior vote of the Town that authorizes the borrowing of money, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Commentary: *This Article would authorize the borrowing of funds to be used to design and repair a fix for the leaking water main under West Hanover Square. The Advisory Committee met with the Director of Public Works and is satisfied that this proposal is in the best interest of the Town.*

ARTICLE 22. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – POND STREET #1 WELL

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds and/or borrow in accordance with Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws the sum of \$250,000, or another sum, to design a replacement of the Pond Street #1 well, said design to be done at the direction of the Town Manager, and provided that these funds may also be used for the construction of said well replacement, or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Manager
DPW Director

We move that the sum of \$250,000 be appropriated to design a replacement for the Pond Street #1 Well, said work to be done and funds to be expended at the direction of the Town Manager and director of Public Works, who are authorized to apply for an accept any Federal or State assistance that may be available for the project, and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44 of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, and each prior vote of the Town that authorizes the borrowing of money, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

***Commentary:** This Article would authorize the borrowing of funds to be used to design a replacement for one of the wells at Pond Street. The Advisory Committee met with the Director of Public Works and is satisfied that this proposal is in the best interest of the Town. The current well is near the end of its useful life.*

ARTICLE 23. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – SPECIAL EDUCATION RESERVE FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds and/or borrow in accordance with Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws the sum of \$400,000 into the Special Education Reserve Fund established under Article 12 of the 2017 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

Director of Finance
Town Manager
School Superintendent
School Business/Finance Manager

We move that the Town vote to appropriate from Certified Free Cash the sum of \$250,000 to be transferred to the Special Education Reserve Fund.

***Commentary:** Article 12 of the May 1, 2017 Town Meeting established the Special Education Reserve Fund to be used for unanticipated Special Education expenses, but no funds were allocated at that time to the Fund. While the FY2021 operating budget for the School Department includes allocations for all known special education expenses, there is very limited flexibility to address unanticipated expenses next year. The Advisory Committee therefore recommends allocating \$250,000 in Free Cash to be used exclusively for unanticipated special education expenses. A vote of both the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen is required to access any of the funds, and unspent funds will carry over into ensuing fiscal years to defray any future unanticipated special education expenses.*

ARTICLE 24. AMEND LANGUAGE FOR MULTI-USE RECREATIONAL FACILITY

To see if the Town will vote to amend the action taken on Article 33 from the 2018 Annual Town Meeting which appropriated \$110,000.00 from the Town’s Community Preservation Fund for a Multi-Use Recreational Facility to now provide that the \$110,000.00 that was appropriated shall be “for the development of a multi-use recreational facility at B. Everett Hall field, to include two street/deck hockey rinks, with the requirement that while the appropriated funds may be used to construct the first rink, none of the funds from the Community Preservation Fund may be used for the second rink until sufficient fundraising has been completed so that when added to the balance of the appropriation the second rink will be completed”, or take any other action relative thereto.

Community Preservation Committee
Parks and Recreation Committee
Hanover Build the Boards, Inc.

We move that the Town vote to accept this Article as printed in the Warrant.

***Commentary:** This article would allow the completion in summer 2020 of the multi-use recreational facility project, with one large rink. While two rinks were originally envisioned for the site, the funds currently appropriated allow for the construction of only one of them; this article would achieve this purpose.*

ARTICLE 25. PETITION GENERAL COURT - ALL ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSES FOR DEMOULAS MARKET BASKET

To see if the Town will vote to petition the General Court to adopt the following special legislation relating to the Board of Selectmen receiving authority to issue an additional off-premises alcoholic beverage license; provided, however, that the Legislature may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill; provide further, that substantive changes shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen, which Board is hereby authorized to approve amendments within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition.

An Act Authorizing the Town of Hanover to Grant an Additional License for the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages not to be Drunk on the Premises to MB Spirits LLC a wholly owned subsidiary of Demoulas Super Markets, Inc. to be used in conjunction with a Demoulas Market Basket Grocery Store.

SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, the licensing authority of the Town of Hanover may grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises pursuant to section 15 of said chapter 138 to said Demoulas Super Markets, Inc. or to MB Spirits, LLC a wholly owned subsidiary located within the Planned Shopping Center District, what is now known as the Hanover Mall and to become Hanover Crossing, located east of Route 53, north of Mill Street and west of Route 3 as defined by the town’s zoning map as it existed as of May 2014. A license granted pursuant to this act shall be clearly marked on its face “Planned Shopping Center District, Hanover Crossing” and shall be subject to all of said chapter 138 except said Section 17.

(b) The licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of a license granted pursuant to this act to any other location outside of the Planned Shopping Center District, Hanover Crossing, but it may grant any such license to a new application as a successor for use within a grocery store only within the Planned Shopping Center District, Hanover Crossing if the applicant files with the licensing authority a letter from the department of revenue and a letter from the department of unemployment assistance indicating that the applicant is in good standing with those departments and that all applicable taxes, fees and contributions have been paid.

(c) If the license granted pursuant to this act is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use; the license shall be returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the licensing authority and the licensing authority may then grant the license to a new applicant to be operated in conjunction with a full service grocery store located within the Planned Shopping Center District, Hanover Crossing under the same conditions specified in this act.

(d) License authorized in this act shall be granted within one (1) year after the effective date of this act; provided, however, that if the license is originally granted within that time period, it may be granted to a new applicant pursuant to subsections (b) or (c) of section 1 anytime thereafter.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

By Petition: Gerard M. Finnerty
Sharon Dillon
Brian Dillon
Claire Reily
Elizabeth Reily

Motion to be made by the Article's petitioner.

***Commentary:** This article would petition the Legislature to allow the Market Basket supermarket planned for the Hanover Crossing project to apply for a license to sell beer, wine, and liquor to be consumed off the premises. The ultimate issuance of any such permit would be subject to Board of Selectmen review and approval. As discussed in the Town Manager's presentation in connection with Article 8, the average residential tax bill has increased significantly over the years and will need to continue to increase to meet the Town's service delivery needs. One way to lessen the tax impact on residents is to strengthen and expand the Town's commercial tax base. Allowing Market Basket, the anchor tenant of the Hanover Crossing project, to apply for a license to sell beer, wine, and liquor will enhance the ability of the Hanover Crossing project to compete with other similar developments in other cities and towns in the region and to become a magnet for the growth of Hanover's commercial tax base. The Advisory Committee strongly supports the granting of the authority to pursue this license in order to encourage the overall economic viability of the Hanover Crossing project, which is critical to the future economic health of the Town of Hanover and the entire region.*

ARTICLE 26. AMEND ZONING BYLAW SECTION 6.230

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws of the Town, by amending **Section 6.230 Uses Permitted by Special Permit and with Site Plan Approval, Section (A)(5)(a) and Section (A)(6)(a) & (b)** (in the manner described below, or, to see if the Town will vote to take any action relative thereto:

to adopt, and add the following:

Section 6.230 Uses Permitted by Special Permit and with Site Plan Approval.

A. Gas stations, service stations, repair garages and automobile dealerships, provided that:

1. (no change).
2. (no change).
3. (no change).
4. (no change).
5. There shall be no other use on the lot excepting that a secondary use may be permitted by the Planning Board but only if its closely related to and/or clearly incidental to the primary use under this Section
 - a. Gross Floor Space for incidental use shall ***(DELETE)*** ***(not exceed 250 square feet) INSERT be reasonable, customary, and subject to Planning Board Approval.***
6. Additional retail use may be allowed provided that: ***(DELETE)***
 - a. ***There shall be no repairs, or service of any vehicles on the site.***
 - b. ***There shall be no storage of motor vehicles, appliances, or equipment associated with vehicle repair allowed on the site.***
 - c. ***Secondary retail use shall be limited to convenience stores only and shall be limited to the sale of certain items as determined by the Planning Board.***

AS REVISED:

Section 6.230 Uses permitted by Special Permit and with Site Plan Approval.

A. Gas stations, service stations, repair garages and automobile dealerships, provided that:

1. (no change).
2. (no change).
3. (no change).
4. (no change).
5. There shall be no other use on the lot excepting that a secondary use may be permitted by the Planning Board but only if it is closely related to and/or clearly incidental to the primary use under this Section.
 - b. Gross Floor Space for incidental use only shall be reasonable,

customary, and subject to Planning Board Approval.

6. Additional retail use may be allowed as secondary to a gas station only, provided that:
 - a. Secondary retail use shall be limited to convenience stores only and shall be limited to the sale of certain items as determined by the Planning Board.

By Petition: Ronnie Abboud
Ed Mack, Jr.
Joseph Polsinello
George George
Edward Souza

ARTICLE 27. INCREASE INCOME-BASED SENIOR CITIZEN REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59 Section 5 Clause 41C, to increase the exemption amount granted to eligible seniors from \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00, to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2020, or take any other action relative thereto.

Director of Finance

We move that the Town vote to accept this Article as printed in the Warrant.

***Commentary:** This article would increase the real estate tax exemption for low-income senior citizens from \$1,000 to \$1,500. The Advisory Committee recognizes the need to provide tax relief to some of the Town's most vulnerable citizens, and supports this effort to provide increased relief to some of those most in need. In Fiscal Year 2020, 36 senior citizens received the current exemption, so the cost of increasing the exemption is projected to cost approximately \$18,000 per year.*

ARTICLE 28. PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR GOLD STAR PARENTS

To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59 Section 5 Clause 22H, which authorizes a full exemption for surviving parents and/or guardians of soldiers and sailors, members of the National Guard and veterans who: (i) during active duty service, suffered an injury or illness documented by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or a branch of the armed forces that was a proximate cause of their death; or (ii) are missing in action with a presumptive finding of death as a result of active duty service as members of the armed forces of the United States, to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2020, or take any other action relative thereto.

Veterans' Service Officer
Community Services Director

Director of Finance

We move that the Town vote to accept this Article as printed in the Warrant.

***Commentary:** This article would establish a full real estate tax exemption for the surviving parents and guardians of members of the military who have lost their lives during active duty service.*

ARTICLE 29. ELIMINATE LOCAL EDUCATIONAL FUND

To see if the Town will vote to rescind its adoption of the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws chapter 60 section 3C, creating a local educational fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Director of Finance

We move that the Town vote to accept this Article as printed in the Warrant.

***Commentary:** This article would revoke the local educational fund that taxpayers may voluntarily contribute to on their real estate and motor vehicle excise tax bills. This fund has not received significant donations in several years, and its revocation will create space on the Town's tax bills for a check-off box, so that taxpayers may contribute to the veterans assistance fund envisioned in Article 30.*

ARTICLE 30. ESTABLISH MUNICIPAL VETERANS ASSISTANCE FUND THROUGH VOLUNTARY DONATION ON PROPERTY AND MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX BILLS

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 60 Section 3F, enabling the Town to establish a municipal veterans assistance fund through a voluntary check-off on property tax bills, to be used to provide support for veterans and their dependents in need of immediate assistance with food, transportation, heat and oil expenses, or take any other action relative thereto.

Director of Finance
Community Services Director

We move that the Town vote to accept this Article as printed in the Warrant.

***Commentary:** This article would establish a veterans assistance fund, and allow taxpayers to voluntarily donate to the fund on their real estate and motor vehicle excise tax bills. This fund would be used to support veterans and their dependents in need of immediate assistance with food, transportation, heating, and other expenses necessary for their support.*

NOTICE FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

